

L. Makowitz, the tailor of Ronceverte, was in Pocahontas this week.

Earle Hoover fell and broke a collar bone while playing baseball Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Argobast are in Highland county this week visiting Mr. Argobast's mother, who has been seriously ill.

Preparations are being made for the erection of six dwellings at the new town of Bartow, work to be commenced immediately.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give a strawberry festival at the club room on Friday evening, June 24.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Woodman's field day at Marlinton June 25. A crowd of at least twenty-five hundred people is expected if the day is good.

George R. Richardson has qualified as receiver for G. D. Oliver, of Cass, who has made an assignment. The sale of the stock of merchandise has been staid by injunction proceedings.

Col. D. V. Ruckman recently sold to Isaac McNeel, of Pocahontas county, a fine-Poled Angus bull calf. Mr. McNeel is one of the leading breeders of fine cattle in his county.—Highland Recorder.

The Ronceverte and Elkins Telephone Company has completed its line to Durbin. Connections can now be made at Marlinton with the county seat towns of Monroe, Greenbrier, Randolph, Bath, Highland and Augusta counties.

Dr. E. B. Hill, O. E. McKeever, Peter McCarty, Sherman Gibson, R. A. Kramer and Beverly Waugh were in attendance upon the Republican Judicial Convention at Ronceverte Wednesday.

W. H. Flick, author of the constitutional amendment restoring the right of franchise to ex-Confederate soldiers in West Virginia, is dead. He was United States District Attorney under President Garfield.

In speaking of a Parkersburg wedding which was declared off at the last moment on account of the lady's mind becoming suddenly unbalanced, an exchange says, "The groom was sadly disappointed."

There has been no less than six suicides in the city of Wheeling in less than that number of weeks, and people who like to be able to account for everything are looking up statistics to find a reason for this wholesale self destruction.

The Kanawha Lumber manufacturing association is endeavoring to show to the railway companies that cheaper freight rates will be to mutual advantage of the railroads and the operators. The West Virginia Saw Mill Association meets here next Friday for the same purpose and all lumbermen should attend.

E. S. Grant, field manager of the United States Leather Company, is dead. He was well known to many in this county who will regret to hear of his death. He spent much time here and was instrumental in locating two large tanning plants in this county.

A report comes of a serious encounter of a camp on the East Branch of Greenbrier River. From what can be learned the fight was the outcome of an old feud. Two men lie desperately wounded, one with a bullet hole through his body and the other with a mangled head caused by a blow from a heavy hammer while the man who did the damage is a fugitive in another state with several serious knife wounds on his person.

When the news was received in Huntington of the decision of the Supreme Court relative to the slot machines, there was frantic activity in removing the machines across the river in Ohio. They were taken to the ferry by the wagon load. The proprietors doubtless had in mind the fate of the Philadelphia machines. These machines valued at \$180,000 were burnt in one pile.

A railroad is building down the East Branch of Greenbrier River from Horton. A gap of seven miles remains to be built before it joins the C. & O. at Bartow. There is very little travel or communication of any kind. We received word that in a fight in a lumber yard in the upper end of this county that two men had been killed but it was impossible to get any of the circumstances.

WM. L. LESTER GETS BADLY BEATEN UP.

An Exhibition of Nerve on Part of Sergeant Anderson.

Wm. L. Lester, of Clover Lick, came to Marlinton last Tuesday to patronage the stores. While here he felt a desire for trouble and armed himself with two such revolvers as a man usually sees in his troubled dreams.

He went into the grocery store of Kincaid & Pullin and waving his side arms around his head asked where that man was that arrested people.

The impression conveyed to the spectators was that he wished to annihilate the police force and then kill the rest of us off by one. The man seemed to be drinking but as there is a dispute as to whether he had even a drink or not it is safe to say that he was not drunk.

Mr. Kincaid stepped to the door and saw G. M. Johnson, of the Times office, who was carrying some express packages to the depot. He asked him to find the sergeant.

Mr. Johnson met Sergeant F. P. Anderson and told him that Mr. Kincaid wanted him they went back to the store and Mr. Kincaid told the sergeant the trouble. He stepped in the store and examined his revolver saying that he would have to get a new pistol as that one was not working well.

He replaced the pistol in his hip pocket and went out on the side walk. In the meantime Lester had walked up the street. He had dropped one pistol on the sidewalk as he passed a lady scaring the lady badly.

He came swinging down the walk towards the officer with an insolent air. The officer stepped in front of him and said: "You are the man that has those two guns?"

(Two guns is beyond the limit.) The stranger said, "Naw!" and shoved past one step. He had both his hands in his breeches pockets and as he took the one step drew both guns. The officer hit his right hand with his billy and knocked the gun down.

The ball passed through the fleshy part of his leg. In the same instant Lester fired with the pistol which was in his left hand and that bullet passed through the officer's coat.

Just then Anderson got in one blow across the man's face and continued to beat him about the head until he was forced to the earth. He was beaten down with two revolvers in his hands and never fired another shot.

The man's head was in a frightful condition. Seven bad cuts were to be sewn up and in a short time his face and head were swollen until he hardly resembled a human being.

It was a signal victory of the club over the gun. The club was home made out of apple tree wood. If the officer had depended upon a revolver in all probability both would have been killed. We can say with the poet: "A good black thorn is good in any nation."

The wounded man was borne to the office of Drs. Price who with Dr. Guilford spent a painful hour and only partially built up what had been destroyed by the officer in two seconds.

Then four stalwart colored men were called in and manned a litter and bore the prisoner away to jail. The officer followed with a billet hole through his leg as master of ceremonies.

Sergeant Anderson has once more proved his worth as an officer both for bravery and discretion. He has had some narrow escapes before. He is an all around good man. He is a great athlete. He used to be a great football player. Is a good hunter and fisherman. And as a town marshal has been a great success. On the other hand he is no slouch as a politician and a judge of human character.

Wm. L. Lester has been in this county a year or two. He came here from Kentucky and was keeping a boarding house at Chestnut's sawmill at Cloverlick. He has a wife and a large family of small children, who are to be pitied in the present crisis of their family affairs.

There is no reason in the world why the man should have taken the insane notion of doing up the town except a general feeling of being agin the government which assails us all at times. He should be thankful that a killing did not result from his crazy actions. When they start a crusade against our town sergeant somebody has to give way and it has not been the sergeant so far.

The penalty for wounding with intent to maim, disfigure, disable or kill is confinement in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than ten years.

For several years our town has been exceptionally peaceful and there has been no disorder to amount to anything. The serious trouble fell out of a clear sky and we are thankful that it resulted no worse.

And in these a printing force was a hungered and sent out for thirty cents worth of food, and while they made ready, certain musicians came that way who also were night to the verge of starvation having played far into the night and though they had visited many door steps had received nothing. Seeing the feast prepared, the cymbals clashed, and they did play skillfully upon an instrument of ten strings with a loud noise, but the householder opened not his heart, but rebuked them saying that it was time honest folks were abed. Then did the musicians feel like thirty cents and hanging their harps upon a willow, set about to devise means of breaking their fast.

While thus they pondered, a man of affairs passed that way and they gladly made him one of them saying verily his sensibilities have been dulled by continuous contact with a cruel world and his wits sharpened thereby. He will tell us what to do.

Had the lord of the feast known at what hour the musicians would have descended upon his house he would have watched and not allowed his supper to have been despoiled, and he would have no occasion to have felt like thirty cents.

There was a warrant issued for the musicians who began to be troubled among themselves saying, we could have reasoned with him while he was in the way lest he now deliver us to the judge and the judge deliver us to the jailor and we be cast into prison. And they felt like thirty cents.

But the man of affairs said stand pat. The game of law is a precipice jumping art at which two can play. We can go a little nearer the edge and still be in small danger. If he meant harm we will entangle him in the turmoil of the law, and if it be a joke he has already treaded the maize to a greater length than he intended. So saying he raised the limit by engaging counsel.

At the going down of the sun a multitude assembled at the market place to hear the conclusion of the whole matter, but when the elders, scribes and the doctors were sit the complainant failed to appear, having found food to appease his appetite and restore good humor and the matter was treated as a joke but the centurion who had served the writs was unable to find anything funny in the episode, though he searched diligently, and would not be appeased until he had received his dues for the part he had taken in the affair.

And when the officer had been paid the musicians and he who had made complaint were each man to his own house, feeling like thirty cents.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Republicans Nominate Judge W. R. Bennett on 16th Ballot.

The Republican convention of the 11th Judicial Circuit met Wednesday in Ronceverte, Dr. Kirkpatrick, of McDowell presided, R. S. Lovelace, Secretary.

Rucker, Bennett, Koontz, McWhorter and Williams, were placed in nomination. The balloting consumed most of the night and on the 16th ballot Judge Bennett received the nomination by reason of his county man withdrawing and Fayette County throwing all her strength to her other candidate.

Dillon was there but refused to allow his name to go before the convention.

Dunmore.

A little cool at nights I thank you.

Mrs. Van Scott is quite ill at this writing.

Miss Nannie Warwick is able to be out.

Mrs. Belle Kerr is some better. Mrs. Bob Brown is quite ill.

Dr. C. L. Augin has sold his property at Greenbank.

H. E. Nixon has his sawmill running again after the burn out. A great deal of lumber is being hauled to Sittington.

Mrs. James Turner died at her home at Stony Bottom Saturday. Mrs. Turner was a splendid woman and leaves a large family.

The big mill at Cass is running day and night.

John Grogg was in town today with three wolves brought from the Rocky Mt.

Rev. D. M. Brown is remodeling the parsonage at Greenbank.

WANTED: A position by competent stenographer, address, Miss Davis Bierly, Spring Creek W. Va.

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Given under my hand this 3rd day of June 1904.

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COME ONE, COME ALL,

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Thanking you in advance for future favors, I am respectfully yours,

DAVID FINGER, CASS, WEST VA. LOOK FOR POINTING TO FINGER'S STORE.

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